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## IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF MONTANA No. DA 09-0638

STATE OF MONTANA,	) Ed Smith
Plaintiff and Appellee,	) GLERK OF THE SUPPLEME COURT STATE OF MORNING
V.	) ANSWER TO PLANTIFFS ) MOTION TO DISMISS
JOHN RICHARDS	)
Defendant and Appellant.	) )

I received the District Courts order on November 20, 2009, see November 19, 2009 order affirming appeal.

My notice of appeal was filed November 30, 2010. My notice of appeal was filed within 10 days of receipt of the District Court affirming my appeal. See Exhibits A thru D attached.

I think you can see the State is clearly wrong as I appealed this timely within 10 days of receipt of the District Court order of November 19, 2009 which I received on November 20, 2009. The plaintiff's Exhibit 3 was never received by me. The only thing I received from the District Court was November 19, 2009 order affirming my appeal which shows as filed November 19, 2009 at 10:30am. If I had received the July 29, 2009 letter, it would have been date stamped with the received date on the envelope. IT WAS NEVER RECEIVED, see affidavit.

The States motion must be denied.

John Richards

Certificate of Service has been sent this 3rd day of June, 2010 to:

Steve Bullock

Montana Attorney General

Attn: Mark Mattioli, Appellate Services Bureau Chief

PO Box 201401

Helena, MT 59620-1401

## **Affidavit**

State o	f M	ontana
County	of	Missoula

Before me, the undersigned Notary, Laticula Weall on this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of June, 2010 personally appeared John Richards, known to me to be a credible person and of lawful age, who being by me first duly sworn, on his oath, deposes and says:

"I didn't receive the letter from John Conner, dated July 29, 2009. The first time I saw it was as Exhibit #3 in the States Motion to Dismiss."

Signature of affiant

Signature of affiant

John Richards

PO Box 870 Seeley Lake, MT 59868 SUN GERMAN

E. CHERK OF THE SECTION STATE OF MONTANA

Subscribed and sworn to before me, Atticius West, this 3 day of

June\_, 2010.

Signature of Notary

Printed Name



PATRICIA A. HEALD
NOTARY PUBLIC for the
State of Montana
Residing at Seeley Lake, Montana
My Commission Expires
September 12, 2013

**NOTARY PUBLIC** 

My commission expires: 9-12, 20/3.